

Financial Feasibility of the Unitary Status Plan for the Tucson Unified School District

Following the initial submission of the Unitary Status Plan for TUSD on November 9, 2012, discussions with the District regarding the funding of the USP have gone forward. The District has been identifying existing expenditures related to the provisions of the USP; the need for additional resources, if any; and the sources of the funding for financing the Plan, including the current and future uses of “desegregation funds”.

This analysis is in its early stages but it is reasonable to conclude that the plan can be adequately funded. This does not mean that there will not be challenges but, as noted, the District is already at work on integrating the provisions of the plan with relevant programs and activities.

The process for developing the budget for funding the plan is underway in conjunction with the district’s annual budgetary process. The full financial plan for the USP will become part of district’s 2013-14 budget. Pursuant to the Order of the Court, this financial plan will make clear how the funds conventionally described as “desegregation funds” are expended and will identify other sources of funding for provisions of the USP , as appropriate.

Section X of the USP provides for a budgetary process that involves all of the parties, transparency about the use of “desegregation funds”, and systematic evaluation of the efficacy of spending on the various provisions of the USP. It covers the provisions of the January 6, 2012 Order appointing the special master.

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